

Appl. No. 09/649,528

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application as amended is requested. By this amendment, claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 16, and 18 have been cancelled and new claims 22-25 have been added (claims 2-7, 9, 12-15, 17, and 19-21 were previously cancelled). Claims 22-25 remain in the application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 8, 10, 11, 16, AND 18 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 16, and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Furuya et al. (JP06-111838).

Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 16, and 18 have been cancelled.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection of claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 16, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102 has been overcome by the amendment and remarks.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The claims suggested by the Examiner have been added as new claims 22-25.

Accordingly, it is believed these claims are allowable.

CONCLUSION

The remaining cited references have been reviewed and are not believed to affect the patentability of the claims as added.

No amendment made herein was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated; and no amendment made herein was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

In view of Applicant's amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Examiner's rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application, as amended, is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is therefore

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earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the Applicants attorneys at 480-385-5060.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 502,091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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